

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 54, 56-58, 60-62, and 64-69 as follows, and cancel Claims 55, 59, and 63.

54. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

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- a) transmitting data ^{from the handset unit} via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
 - b) receiving data via wireless communication methods from a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
 - c) adapting relaying said data for data communication to and from either one of the following: a portable local communication base unit and in a manner such that the base unit can relay the data to and from an external wide area network, and
 - d) communicating wherein said data includes a for computer formatted data use and for bi-directional communication.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a personal digital assistant (PDA) having functions in addition to handset communication functions.

57. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a cellular telephone unit.

58. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset ^{is} adapted used to communication- communicate among with multiple handset units or earset units.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is ~~adapted~~ used to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

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61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is ~~adapted~~ used to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user can look at a display screen while speaking has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit at a distance from the user's mouth substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating ^{by the handset,} ~~adapting the handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function data~~ for wireless data networking with a portable base unit;
- b) transmitting a wireless radio frequency (RF) data to said portable base unit ~~after said adapting the handset unit step;~~
- c) receiving a wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) ~~wherein said adapting handset unit to a bi directional wireless communication function step includes configuring~~ communicating said data for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data information to and from an external wide area network.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for ~~includes data configured to~~ networking functions with one or more ~~other~~ handset units forming a local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the said external wide area network is substantially the Internet.

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66. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset is adapted used as to an earset unit.

67. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, further comprising in which said handset unit incorporating is used as a wireless cellular radio ~~communication functions~~ telephone unit.

68. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is adapted used to send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for ~~adapted to~~ voice or audio communication functions.